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AMHARIC PRESS EDITORIAL TITLED "THE PHILOSOPHY OF
BOURGEOIS HUMAN RIGHTS"

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1. "ADDIS ZEMEN, JANUARY 26, 1978 (GOVT OWNED AND CONTROLLED)
"FROM THE EDITORIAL
"THE PHILOSOPHY OF BOURGEOIS HUMAN RIGHTS' -
"BOURGEOIS LEADERS ARE FOND OF VOICING PHILOSOPHICAL
PHRASES AND IDEAS. BUT THEIR DEEDS ARE AT VARIANCE WITH
THEIR WORDS. AS PRESIDENT CARTER, THE INTERNATIONAL
ADVOCATE FOR 'HUMAN RIGHTS' CHANTS OF 'HUMAN RIGHTS',
RIYADH, TEHREAN AND OTHER FOLLOWERS JOIN IN THE TUNE.

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"'HUMAN RITHS' HAS A DIFFERENT MEANING FOR DIFFERENT
SOCIETIES. AS EVERY OTHER PHENOMENA, IT SHOULD BE VIEWED
FROM ITS CLASS ANGLE. MARXIST-LENINISTS DO NOT LOOK AT
'HUMAN RIGHTS' SEPARATELY FROM THE POWER OF THE BROAD
MASSES. MARXISTS STRUGGLE TO AVOID ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION
OF MAN BY MAN, FOR THE EQUALITY OF NATIONALITIES AND
ULTIMATELY TO ESTABLISH A CLASSLESS SOCIETY. HENCE IT

IS HARD TO COMPREHEND HOW 'HUMAN RIGHTS' IS ABUSED IN SOCIETIES WHICH STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE, FREEDOM, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL EQUALITIES. IN ETHIOPIA THE BROAD MASSES HAVE SUFFERED UNDER THE ATROCITIES OF FEUDAL AND MONARCHICAL REGIMES FOR CENTRUEIS. AT PRESENT, THE BROAD MASSES ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING A HUMANE SOCIETY AFTER HAVING OVERTHROWN THE ARISTOCRATIC REGIME. SIGNS OF THIS ARE THE TRANSFERENCE OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS TO THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS AND MASS ARMING AND POLITICIZATION OF THE MASSES TO TAKE OVER POWER. IN THIS BITTER STRUGGLE TO ABOLISH THE OLD SYSTEM AND ERECT A NEW ONE, ANTI-MASSES AND ANTI-REVOLUTIONARIES ARE CERTAINLY GIVEN DEATH BLOWS BY THE OPPRESSED MASSES. BUT THIS IS DONE TO ENSURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIETY WHERE THE 'HUMAN RIGHTS' OF THE MASSES CAN BE RECOGNIZED. WHILE THE CORRECT SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA IS THIS, CARTER AND HIS FOLLOWERS ARE SHOUTING THAT 'HUMAN RIGHTS' HAS BEEN ABUSED IN ETHIOPIA.

"THE STONE-AGE GOVERNMENT OF RIYADH RECENTLY EXECUTED ITS OWN PRINCESS WHO WAS GUILTY OF MARRYING OUT OF HER SOCIAL CLASS AND ALSO BEHEADED HER HUSBAND.

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT PARA 2)

WHILE RIYADH IS A MAJOR DISCIPLE OF AMERICA'S "HUMAN RIGHTS' MOVEMENT, AMERICA HAS CHOSEN TO KEEP ITS SILENCE AT THIS INHUMAN ACT.

"THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS WELL-KNOWN FOR ADVANCING INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM, EQUAL TO ITS FAME FOR WEALTH AND POWER. CARTER IS MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS AND SUPPLYING ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA SO THAT VORSTER CAN MASSACRE THE INDIGENOUS BLACK AFRICANS. TO HIM VORSTER IS RIGHT AND WHAT HE IS DOING IS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF BOURGEOIS HUMAN RIGHTS. AMERICA IS A STAGE OF SOCIAL CONTRADICTIONS, A CENTER OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, CLASS OPPRESSION AND HIGH RATE OF CRIME. THE ADVOCACY OF THE LEADER OF THIS ANTI-FREEDOM, ANTI-EQUALITY AND ANTI-HUMANITY SOCIETY, FOR 'HUMAN RIGHTS' IS AS SELF-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTRADICTORY AS IF VORSTER WAS DENOUNCING APARTHEID."
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2. COMMENT: ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT US HUMAN RIGHTS STANCE BY ASSOCIATING IT WITH VORSTER REGIME AND MONARCHIES OF SAUDIA ARABIA AND IRAN DEMONSTRATION OF CONTINUING ETHIOPIAN SENSITIVITY TO US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND PERCEIVED NECESSITY TO DEFEND ETHIOPIA'S POSTURE. WHILE ADMITTING "DEATH BLOWS BEING GIVEN TO ANTI-MASSSES AND ANTI-REVOLUTIONAIRES" THIS IS JUSTIFIED IN NEXT BREATH AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIETY WHERE THE 'HUMAN RIGHTS'

OF THE MASSES CAN BE RECOGNIZED. IT SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED THAT ETHIOPIA WILL CONTINUE TO REACT SHARPLY TO US STATEMENTS DEPLORING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION HERE, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE CURRENT PHILOSOPHY THAT NEARLY ANY MEANS ARE JUSTIFIED BY THE END.
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